GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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BENEFITS OF KYOTO PROTOCOL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that India may not be in a position to get benefits of Kyoto Protocol in the absence of coordination between certain departments as reported in the Hindustan (Hindi Edition) dated September 29, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the hurdles and get maximum benefits of Kyoto Protocol?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T .R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) India is a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol and supports early ratification and entry into force of the Protocol in accordance with the Bonn Agreement, Marrakech Accord and Delhi Declaration. Within Government of India, the Ministry of Environment & Forests is nodal authority on the subject of climate change and it works in close coordination with other concerned ministries/departments including Ministries of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Coal, Power, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Science & Technology etc. An example of the good coordination among various government departments is the successful conduct of the Eighth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi from 23rd October to 1st November, 2002 in which all Departments/Ministries participated in the main and side events. The Conference has enhanced the profile of the country in global environmental statesmanship, has brought out its resilience in organizing such a major event as well as its capacity to hold its ground in pursuance of national goals. The Conference adopted the rules of procedure of Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism as well as simplified modalities and procedures for small scale Clean Development Mechanism projects which will be of interest to developing countries, including India.